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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/297,406  
Inventor: Heiland  
Filed: April 29, 1999  
For: CLAMPING DEVICE AND  
PRODUCTION PROCESS

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HEILAND  
APPLICATION No.: 09/297,406  
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EXAMINER: James R. Brittain  
ART UNIT: 3677  
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**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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- ☒ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ☒ Other: Change of Address

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- b. ☒ Enclosed  
☒ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
*(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(f) required)*

- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2283.  
☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) (Atty. Dkt. No. 59162.8005).  
    ☒ Small Entity: \$370.00  
    ☐ Large Entity: \$740.00  
☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and §1.17) (Atty. Dkt. No. 59162.8005).  
    ☒ Small Entity: \$460.00  
    ☐ Large Entity: \$920.00  
☐ Other
- b. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to cover the following fees.  
☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) 740/370  
☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and §1.17)  
☐ Other

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- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account No. 50-2283.

Respectfully submitted,  
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